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Sir:

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1. United States Patent No. 5,221,737 dated June 22, 1993;
2. United States Patent No. 4,826,766 dated May 2, 1989;
3. International Patent No. WO 98/53088 dated November 26, 1998;

4. European Patent No. 477,902 dated April 1, 1992;
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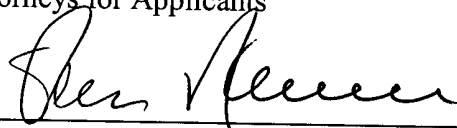
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